

St. John the Baptist: We are now looking at the third window as we face the north side of our church. Donated by Ken, Jeanne, Matthew, Evan, and Garrett Zuzik “in gratitude for God’s blessing and direction,” this window depicts St. John the Baptist, first cousin of Jesus, the “voice crying in the wilderness” (in the words of Isaiah). As his title implies, John baptized many, including Jesus himself. Imprisoned by King Herod because John spoke against Herod’s unlawful marriage to Herodias, John was executed and his head was presented to the queen.

Our window shows John the Baptist wearing a short, brown garment of camel’s hair. His head is surrounded by a halo, and a white cloak hangs over his shoulders. John carries a staff in his left hand, and the top of his staff is in the shape of a cross. His right hand is raised in blessing and under his right arm we see what appears to be a container of water. Behind John there is a road. He is on a journey; as the Book of Luke tells us, John traveled through-out the entire region of Jordan preaching about baptism.

